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SUBJECT: THE DMC AS A COALITION PARTNER

1. ALTHOUGH BY MOST CRITERIA THE DMC DID WELL IN THE ELECTION, WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG ITS LEADERSHIP. ITS PRIMARY GOAS WAS TO HAVE BECOME THE ONE INDISPENSABLE PARTNER TO ANY COALITION. DESPITE ITS PHENOMENONAL ACHIEVEMENT (FOR ISRAEL) OF 14 SEATS AFTER STARTING FROM SCRATCH SIX MONTHS AGO, ITS PARTICIPATION DOES NOT APPEAR ESSENTIAL TO A LIKUD COALITION. THE LIKUD MAY BE ABLE TO EKE OUT A MAJORITY COALITION WIT ONLY THE THREE RELIGIOUS PARTIES AND SHLOMZION.

2. WHERE THE DMC LEADERSHIP MISCALCULATED IS IN ASSUMING THAT THEY WOULD DRAW SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE LIKUD, IF NOT QUITE AS HEAVILY AS FROM THE ALIGNMENT. IF NACT, THE DMC DECIMATED THE ALIGNMENT, LEAVING THE LIKUD INTACT AND THE
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BENEFICIARY OF DMC EFFORTS. IT DID THE JOB SO WELL THAT EVEN A COMBINATION OF THE ALIGNMENT, THE DMC AND WHAT IS LEFT OF THE CENTER PARTIES CANNOT MAKE A MAJORITY. THIS, DMC LEADERS DID NOT BARGAIN FOR.

3. WE NOW HEAR REPORTS THAT, AWARE OF ITS LACK

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OF LEVERAGE, THE DMC IS ALREADY DISCUSSING
ACCOMMODATING THE LIKUD. ISRALE RADIO REPORTED
TODAY THAT THE DMC'S FOREIGN POLICY CONDITION FOR
JOINING A COALITION (TEL AVIV 3166) IS
NO LONGER AN ISSUE BETWEEN IT AND THE LIKUD. A
LIKUD SPOKESMAN HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT
THIS IS ALSO THE LIKUD'S VIEW.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, A DMC INSIDER INFORMED
US THAT THE PARTY'S LEADERS ARE DISCUSSING
DROPPING THEIR DEMAND FOR ELECTIONS WITHIN TWO
YEARS PROVIDED THAT ELECTORAL REFORM IS ENACTED
AS AN EARLY ORDER OF BUSINESS. ACCORDING
TO OUR SOURCE, THE NRP WOULD OFFER NO PARTICULAR
PROBLEM TO THE DMC BUT DMC LEADERS WOULD BALK
AT PARTNERSHIP WITH AGUDAT YISRAEL. DMC LEADERS
ARE APPARENTLY RECEIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT
BEGIN'S PRICE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN A
LIKUD COALITION IS NOT UNLIMITED. MFA DIRECTOR
GENERAL AVINERI AND HIS DEPUTY EVRON THIS
MORNING EXPRESSED TO THE THE AMBASSADOR THEIR VIEW
THAT BEGIN WOULD ACT QUICKLY IN ORGANIZING
A COALITION. THEY BELIEVE BEGIN KNOWS HIS STATURE WOULD
SUFFER WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME SHOULD HE
ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING A COALITION.

5. MEANWHILE, AS ONE OF HIS FIRST PUBLIC
ACTS SINCE WINNING THE ELECTION, BEGIN WAS
SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE GUS EMUNIM SETTLEMENT
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AT QADOUM TODAY TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY OF
PLACING A TORAH SCROLL IN THE SETTLEMENT'S NEW
SYNAGOGUE.
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